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Dear Parents, Staff and Children

The Governing body met this week for their first session of the academic year. At this meeting I was elected as your new Chair of Governors. Alex Dawson, the outgoing Chair of Governors, has been an exceptional Chair of Governors but he has recently decided to step down due to work commitments. Alex has contributed to the school strategy during a period of considerable change – a new Head Teacher and a whole new assessment system. Alex has given countless hours of his time to the School and provided a relentless and considerable degree of support to Mr Watson. As parents, we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude, and I know that you will all wish to join me, in thanking him for his wisdom, compassion and thoughtfulness that he has demonstrated within this vital role. The Governors and Mr Watson thanked him in the summer term and acknowledged him in the Carlton-in-Snaith Red book.

I have been a Parent Governor for the last 2 years. My children first started at this school in 2005. I waited until I could dedicate enough time to do the job well before I stood for election as I was keen to offer my support to the school. The greatest highlight of my term so far has been in being part of the group who chose Mr Watson to be our Head Teacher. As a Governor, I feel this is the one area which has the greatest impact on the school and I was very pleased to be a part of it.

I live locally and work part-time at Holy Family and I also do volunteer work for Diabetes UK locally and consider my role as a governor part of my efforts to foster a thriving local community. With my third and fourth children now going through the school, I, like you, have a vested interest in how our school is performing and you can rest assured that I am committed to ensuring our children receive the best education and opportunities available to them.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a Parent Governor and look forward to serving you as your new Chair. Carlton-in-Snaith Primary school has been a central part of our lives since 2005; it is a wonderful school with a dedicated and talented staff. I look forward to leading the Governing Body and working with the staff, children and our parents and carers to ensure that we all continue to uphold the values that Carlton embodies.

I look forward to learning, growing alongside and maintaining Carlton as a central part of our community where we develop lively, inquiring and creative minds.

Yours faithfully

Helen Snowden

